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Subject: Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) 2025-26 – Year 9

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Heads of Middle State Schools are kindly requested to inform parents/guardians and learners that applications for the Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) to be followed in Year 9 during scholastic year 2025/26 are now open.

The Sport Career Development Programme (SCDP) is now heading into its eighth year where two cohorts of Year 11 learners have completed their studies during the past two scholastic years and were awarded an MQF Level 2 or 3 Accreditation Certificate depending on their level of attainment. At the end of Year 8, successful learners are also awarded an MQF Level 1 Accreditation Certificate.

Following an agreement reached with respective institutions, learners who obtain an MQF Level 3 Accreditation Certificate may now present it to further their studies at post-secondary level including at the Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST), the Institute for Tourism Studies (ITS), Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, Sir M. A. Refalo Sixth Form in Gozo, De La Salle College, St. Aloysius College and St. Martin's College. At present, there are ongoing discussions with other post-secondary institutions to follow the same route.

SCDP consists of four weekly lessons, normally two double lessons. When chosen at Year 7 it is offered instead of Art, Design & Technology, Home Economics and Music while from Year 9 onwards it may be chosen as an Option Subject.

In order to secure a place in the programme, learners must undergo a Practical Assessment in their chosen sport, as per list below. This happens in the transition phase between Year 6 and Year 7 and also between Year 8 and Year 9 for learners wishing to choose SCDP as an Option Subject yet who previously did not follow subject in Year 7 and 8. **Learners who already followed SCDP in Year 7 and 8 and wish to choose it as an Option Subject in Year 9 are not required to undergo the Practical Assessment again yet are guaranteed a place subject that they have attained the necessary standard, as per prescribed Learning Outcomes.**



The full SCDP syllabus and learning outcomes may be viewed through this [link](#).

As from Scholastic Year 2025-6, the following sport disciplines will be offered at Year 9:

COLLEGE	SCHOOL	SPORTS
Gozo College	Victoria Secondary School	Athletics Basketball Dance Football Shooting Swimming
Maria Regina College	Mosta Żokrija Secondary School	Basketball Football
St. Nicholas College	Dingli Secondary School	Dance Football
St. Clare College	Pembroke Secondary School	Football Judo
St. Ignatius College	Ħandaq Secondary School	Athletics Football
St. Theresa College	Mrieĥel Secondary School	Dance Football
San Gorg Preca College	Ħamrun Secondary School	Basketball Football
St. Benedict College	Kirkop Secondary School	Football Artistic Gymnastics
St. Margaret College	Verdala Secondary School	Football
St. Thomas More College	Sta. Lucia Secondary School	Basketball Football
	Żejtun Secondary School	Athletics Hockey Football



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Details of the Practical Assessments for Year 8 learners wishing to be part of this programme as from September 2025 at Year 9 are included in the registration form that may be accessed through this [link](#).

Please ensure being at the venue on the date and time indicated.

The Directorate reserves the right not to open a group if the prescribed minimum number of successful candidates is not met.

Further details may be obtained from the SCDP page. To access the page, click [HERE](#).

Any queries are to be sent to scdp@ilearn.edu.mt

Thank you for your collaboration.

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